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JAMES HARLAN, JR.,
JOHN M. HARLAN,
Administrators.
March 14, 1863—Yeoman copy.

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March 16, 1863—tf.

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Frankfort, April 22, 1863—ly.

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GOVERNOR.
Thos. E. Bramlette, Frankfort.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

F. L. Van Winkle, Sec'y of State, Frankfort.
Jas. R. Page, Assistant Secretary, Frankfort.
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*Note.—The new Auditor, Wm. T. SAMUELS, Esq., does not go into office until the first Monday in January, 1864, consequently we make no change in the Directory of that Department.

THOS. E. BRAMLETTE, Sec'y of State.

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Sept. 25, 1863.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

Liverpool and London Fire & Life

INSURANCE COMPANY,

On the 1st day of January, 1863, made to the Auditor of the State of Kentucky, in compliance with an act, entitled "An act to regulate Agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies," approved 3d March, 1856.

NAME AND LOCATION.
The name of the Company is the LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, and is located in Liverpool, England.

CAPITAL.
The amount of its Capital Stock, is, authorized, \$10,000,000 00
The amount of the Capital Stock paid up, is, with surplus fund, 6,550,525 00

ASSETS.
1. Cash on hand, in Banks and on demand, \$232,541 76
2. Real estate unencumbered, 130,650 00
3. Debts due the Company, secured by mortgage on unincumbered Real Estate worth, 685,400 00
4. Debts due the Company for premiums and in the hands of Agents and course of transmission, 73,042 69

5. The Bonds and Stocks owned by the Company, per vouchers accompanying same, 40,000 00
6. United States 6 per cent. Stock, of 1861, 49,353 23
7. All other securities, 49,353 23

Total assets of the Company \$1,222,027 68

LIABILITIES.

1. The amount of Liabilities, due and not due, to Banks and other Creditors—none.
2. Losses unadjusted and Losses in suspense, waiting for further proof, \$73,140 23
3. All other claims against the Company—none.

Total Liabilities, \$73,140 23

STATE OF NEW YORK.

City and County of New York.

Henry Grinnell, Deputy Chairman, and Alfred Pelt, Resident Secretary, of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company, being severally sworn, depose and say, and each for himself says, that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct statement of the affairs of the said Company—that the said Insurance Company is the bona fide owner of at least ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS of actual Cash Capital invested in Stocks and Bonds, or in Mortgages on unincumbered Real Estate, worth—per cent, more than the same is mortgaged for; that the above described investments, nor any part thereof, are made for the benefit of any individual exercising authority in the management of said Company, nor for any other person or persons whatever; that the mortgages above described have not been assigned, nor in any manner released or impaired by said Company; and that they are the above described officers of the said Insurance Company.

HENRY GRINNELL, Deputy Ch'm.
ALFRED PELT, Resident Sec'y.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Commissioner for Kentucky, in and for said county of New York, State of New York, this 21st day of January, A. D., 1863.

[L. S.] DAN. SEIXAS, Com'r for Ky. in N. Y.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Ky.,
Frankfort, March 21, 1863.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year above written.

[L. S.] GRANT GREEN, Auditor.

No. 102—Renewed.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Ky.,
Frankfort, 21st March, 1863.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Jno. B. Temple, as Agent of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company, of Liverpool, England, at Frankfort, Franklin county, has filed in this office the statements and exhibits required by the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to regulate Agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies," approved March 3, 1856, and that having been shown to the satisfaction of the Auditor of said Company is possessed of an actual capital of at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as required by said act, the said Jno. B. Temple, as Agent aforesaid, is hereby licensed and permitted to take risks and transact business of insurance at his office in Frankfort, for the term of one year from the date hereof. But this license may be revoked if it shall be made to appear to the undersigned that since the filing of the statements above referred to, the available capital of said Company has been reduced below one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

[L. S.] IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand the day and year above written.

GRANT GREEN, Auditor.

JOHN B. TEMPLE, Agent,
Frankfort.

March 25, 1863—2w.

Proclamation by the Governor.

\$250 REWARD.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, it has been made known to me that a negro man named BOB, the property of Thomas Harris, was sentenced to be hung on the 11th of December next, for the murder of Johnson Harris, who has made his escape from the Union county jail, and is now going at large;

Now, therefore, I, THOS. E. BRAMLETTE, Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid, do hereby offer a reward of TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS for the apprehension of the said BOB, and his delivery to the jailer of Union county within one year from the date hereof.

[L. S.] IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed. Done at Frankfort this 17th day of Nov., A. D. 1863, and in the 72d year of the Commonwealth.

THOS. E. BRAMLETTE.

By the Governor:
E. L. VANWINKLE, Sec'y of State.

Nov. 4, 1863—4J5.

Proclamation by the Governor.

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By the Governor:
E. L. VANWINKLE, Sec'y of State.

By JAS. R. PAGE, Assistant Secretary.

He is about 40 years of age, 6 feet high, heavy built, light hair, and blue eyes.

Nov. 17th, 1863—wltw3m.

JAMES SPEED, Wm. P. BARRETT.

SPEED & BARRETT,

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

LOUISVILLE, KY.

HAVE associated with them SAMUEL B. SMITH, practice of the late firm of Bullitt & Smith, in the practice of the law, under the firm of SPEED, BARRETT & SMITH, and will attend the Court of Appeals, Federal Court at Louisville, and all the Courts held in Louisville.

[Jan. 17, '62—ly]

Proclamation of the Governor.

The President's call for 300,000 volunteers, to serve three years or during the war, to fill up the old regiments, makes the allotment to Kentucky of 12,000 to be raised.

This call must be met, either by volunteers, or by draft, at an early day. The 5th of January is set by the President as the time of ordering the draft. This will give time for Congress to repeal the \$300 exemption.

Volunteers will receive the liberal bounty and increased pay offered by the Government; the conscript will not. Volunteers select their own company and regiment—the conscript will be assigned without regard to his wishes. The volunteer will be

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

We have reason to be thankful to a beneficent Providence for the more favored auspices under which you assemble, than greeted your immediate predecessors. Our present exemption, and the strengthened hope of yet higher security, from the dangers of rebel invasions and predatory incursions of guerrillas, together with the bounteous productions which have rewarded the industry of our people, and the blessings of health and general prosperity, are the bestowments of "a divinity that shapes our ends," which must attract our gratitude and command our thanksgiving for "Him whose ways are not as man's ways."

The constitution, in prescribing the powers and duties of the Governor as Chief Executive, requiring that "He shall, from time to time, give to the general assembly information of the state of the Commonwealth, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may deem expedient." In obeying this requirement, it affords me gratification to be able to lay before you the condition of our Treasury, as shown by the reports of the Auditor and Treasurer. Taking the last four years as an illustration, it appears that our Treasury is in better condition than at any previous period of our history. The comparison presents the following contrast, at the end of each fiscal year, viz:

Balance in Treasury Oct. 10, 1860... \$126,543 01
Balance in Treasury Oct. 10, 1861... 280,111 65
Balance in Treasury Oct. 10, 1862... 459,784 30
Balance in Treasury Oct. 10, 1863... 505,357 00

The interest upon our public debt has been promptly paid.

This condition is the more gratifying, when we consider the fact that many of our counties have been so overrun by rebel invaders, and desolated by guerrillas and marauders, that no revenue could be collected within them. In this connection, it is proper to suggest that relief should be extended to the collectors of revenue in those counties where collections were impracticable, owing to the exposed condition of the country.

As connected with our finances, it is proper to bring before you the delinquency of the late Auditor, Thomas S. Page. An examination of his accounts from 1853 to 1859, although not thorough, has developed an embezzlement of \$90,362 62, of which \$1,580 has been paid, leaving \$88,782 62 against him. Amongst the earliest acts of my Executive duties was an order directing the Attorney General to institute suits for the recovery of the amounts composing such embezzlement. There is a long period of years prior to this investigation, for which this officer is responsible, and during that period there has been no inquiry into the accounts. I made an effort to have an examination, but the short time intervening your assembling did not admit of it. It will require a labor of some months, by good accountants, to satisfactorily explore the accounts. I recommend the appointment of two or more commissioners, to investigate and report upon the condition of the accounts of that officer, from the commencement to the end of his services. If the investigation be properly made, it will probably enable the Commonwealth to secure a large proportion of the sum found to be due, in the settlement of his estate in the hands of trustees, which is now depending in the Franklin Circuit Court. The statute of limitations certainly releases the sureties anterior to the year 1853, but does not interfere with the prosecution of the claim against the delinquent officer. I recommend that you provide for the appointment of commissioners to investigate and ascertain the extent of the embezzlement for each year from the commencement of that officer's services.

This case suggests the grave omission of proper legislation in reference to such cases. Except as to the Treasurer, our penal code is silent. No penalties are provided against any other officer for embezzlement of public moneys. I therefore recommend that our penal code be so amended as to punish, criminally, all officers who may be guilty of embezzlement of public moneys.

The condition of our common schools will be exhibited in the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The fund consecrated to purposes of education has been preserved inviolate. To give to every child in the Commonwealth a substantial education, is amongst the highest duties devolved upon the law-givers. Every effort to increase the facilities of education, and to elevate the grade of instruction, will have my hearty co-operation.

The reports from our eleemosynary institutions, which will be laid before you, will inform you of their condition, progress and wants.

The Lunatic Asylums at Lexington and at Hopkinsville; the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Danville; the Blind Asylum at Louisville; the Asylum for the Feeble-Minded at Frankfort, are noble monuments of the charities of our Commonwealth. The reports, which will be laid before you, from these institutions, will set forth their wants and necessities. Ample provisions should be made to meet them. That you will make suitable appropriations to sustain these grand charities, such as becomes the charitable duty and just pride of the State, I do not entertain a doubt.

Under the provisions of "An act accepting the donation of lands for endowment of Agricultural Colleges," approved 27th January, 1863, I have received from the Federal Government, through the Commissioner of the General Land Office, United States land scrip for 330,000 acres of land. It will now be necessary that you provide for the appointment and compensation of an agent or agents to dispose of this scrip; and further provide for founding the college, in order to obtain the benefits of this munificent donation. This scrip will raise a fund for the endowment of an institution which may be made an honor to the Government, the pride of the State, and a blessing and bounty to the citizens of Kentucky. It is recommended that you adopt all proper measures for securing the benefits of this liberal donation, and carrying out the purposes of its bestowment.

In this connection, I would direct your attention to the propriety of continuing the support of the "State Agricultural Society." This institution, organized under an act approved March 10, 1856, and continued by subsequent enactments, has been of great benefit to the agricultural interests of Kentucky. Although its efficiency has been greatly retarded by the rebellion, for the past two years, yet, in the midst of the gloom, the efforts of the society have shed light and cheer upon the agricultural interests of the State. We are an agricultural people, and every aid given to that interest goes to promote the general welfare. The society has more than met the most sanguine expectations of its founders, and pro-

ceeded to our hopes cumulative benefits to our agricultural—which is our greatest—interest which demand for the society the fostering care of the Commonwealth.

At present the questions of most absorbing interest grow out of, and are connected with, the condition of our Federal Government, and the rebellion of the Southern States. When the rebellion broke upon us in Kentucky we had no military organization except under the State Guard law. This law was perverted by the Inspector General, Buckner, into treasonable uses, and so alarmed our people, at the abuse, that the law was repealed, thus leaving Kentucky without military organization. To call an unorganized militia into the field was and is impossible. The Legislature, by act approved the 31st day of August, 1862, revived the State Guard law with amendments. When I became invested with the "chief executive authority," no organization having been effected, steps were immediately taken to thoroughly organize the militia. The process of organization is necessarily slow under the system as at present authorized. Having obtained the services of an able and accomplished officer as Inspector General, the work of organization is progressing with all possible dispatch. Various and important amendments required to give efficiency to the system will be suggested by him to the proper committee.

The importance of having a complete and thorough organization of the militia has been so clearly impressed upon every judgment, by the calamities which have befallen our people for want of such organization, that I need not offer any additional reasons, beyond the facts of history, to enforce the necessity of such organization. Without organization we have been, and would continue, powerless, and lay at the mercy of invaders and bandits. With organization we can defy and punish them, and give security to our homes, and protection to our people. I urge upon you the propriety of having an efficient State force organized, for active duty in suppressing the guerrilla warfare which harasses our border. If it be said that it will cost the State too much, I answer, that it will cost less than to do without such force. The economy which results to give protection to the property, the homes, and lives of our border citizens, and leaves them exposed to be wasted and ruined by guerrilla bands, deserves the contempt and execration of the age. He whose sole aim is to watch over his money bags, while the homes of his countrymen are wrapped in flames of rebellion, and the lives of true men are being sacrificed to the Moloch of treason, is wholly unfit to sit in council with patriots and statesmen. We have passed the *silver line*; it is now a question of the life or death of our Government—not of dollars and cents. It is not, therefore, to be presumed that any representative of our suffering people can, for a moment, hesitate to make every possible provision for the protection and security of the citizen in his power. Those who would "save the people's money," should appropriate from the common treasury all that may be needed to give protection to the homes, the property, and lives of the citizen. Coming, as you do, fresh from the people, and knowing their sufferings and wants, it is not to be doubted but you will promptly respond to the necessities of the occasion.

In a short time after the executive duties devolved upon me, the organized forces theretofore giving protection to our people, were necessarily moved to the front, leaving the State more exposed than at any period since the rebellion. We were left with some 4,000 recruits in camps, then without organization, and not supplied with arms and equipments for service. The guerrillas availed themselves of our condition to inflict serious injuries upon our exposed border, carrying their depredations to the very heart of the State.

It is a source of gratification that the patriotism of our people has met the efforts to place a sufficient force in the field for defense, and that we are now more secure and better guarded than at any time heretofore since the rebellion. In a short time, under an arrangement made with the Secretary of War, and by a thorough organization of the enrolled and volunteer militia, our defenses will be complete, and security will again brighten the desolated homes of our border people.

It is a source of just pride, that in this struggle to maintain our national life, Kentucky, under every adverse circumstance, has nobly redeemed her pledge of duty to maintain the Union. It is the life of her people's hopes. When the Union is broken, her hopes must perish. Her hope survives the loss of everything but the Union—"Give us liberty or give us death," is the echoing response to our revolutionary sire of the living patriotism of Kentucky of the present day. Although we are an exposed front, and our people have been overrun and oppressed by rebel armies, and have been wasted in their substance, and slain by guerrillas, although bad men and wicked fanaticism in our own armies have indicted outrage and wrong upon our loyal people, yet so steadily have our people pursued the direct line of duty and patriotism, that their suffering heroism, and invincible loyalty, which nothing could divert or overcome, are being understood and appreciated by our loyal brethren of other States, and our voice and counsel will not be unheeded as we speak from the fiery furnace of this warring rebellion.

Out of an enrolled militia numbering 119,577, we have contributed, to sustain our Government, 37,414 soldiers for three years service; 11,911 for one year; 413 for nine months, and 1,770 for sixty days service; making an aggregate of 51,438—almost one half of all those within the military ages. This is an evidence of Kentucky patriotism which needs no further comment to vindicate it. We are ready to give yet more, even to the last man and last dollar, if needed, to defend our Government.

I call your attention to the very full, complete, and able report of the Adjutant General, which will be laid before you. The report is gotten up so as to present a complete record of every regiment sent to the field; and exhibit, as far as officially advised, the status of each officer and soldier. This report should be given the dignity of an official record, so that the report may be evidence of the facts set forth, for the benefit of those interested in future.

In the commencement of the rebellion the inexperience of those employed in the Quarter-Master's department, was the occasion of distributing arms, munitions, clothing, and other necessary stores, to the various military organizations in the State, without obtaining vouchers in the form prescribed by the Army Regulations. In many instances the emergency did not admit of the delay which compliance with these forms required. Yet the disbursements were all for the legitimate uses of our troops, and properly issued though informally vouchered. These informalities have been thereon why our claims upon the Government for reimbursement have not been met. Since the rebellion

commenced there has been advanced by the State of Kentucky, on account of United States Government, in recruiting, arming, equipping, subsisting, and paying volunteers, the following sums, viz:

Advanced up to 31st Aug., 1863... \$2,106,611 83
Advanced from 31st August to 30th November, 1863... 90,000 00

Making our advancements... \$2,196,611 83
Of this sum there has been refunded by the Federal Government... \$861,221 12
Add our proportion of the taxes levied upon the State... 605,000 00

Aggregate... 1,466,221 12

Leaving a balance in favor of the State against the United States... \$730,390 71

This balance, for the reason before stated, has not heretofore been settled. The Secretary of State and Quarter-Master General were deputed, a few weeks since, to visit Washington, and, if possible, obtain a settlement of our claims. The difficulties in the way of adjustment being ascertained, the questions were submitted to the Secretary of War, who promptly from a sense of justice and respect to the loyalty and good faith of Kentucky, ordered the settlement of our claims upon a basis as just, liberal, and equitable as we could possibly demand, or his duties admit. We shall therefore hope soon to recruit our fund for military purposes, by obtaining from the Federal Government the payment of the sums so due to us.

The importance of the records now being made in the military departments of this State, suggests the necessity of having suitable and permanent offices provided in which to transact the business and preserve the records of the Inspector General, Adjutant General, and Quarter-Master General. The present and future generations have an interest in the preservation of these records. At present and heretofore office rooms have been rented. The frequent changes from one room to another endangers the security, while it necessarily discloses and confuses the records. The State should provide permanent office rooms. It is economical to do so. The rents now expended would, in a few years, pay for the construction of the necessary buildings.

The salary of the Governor under the Constitution, cannot be either increased or diminished during his term; all delicacy is therefore removed, which might otherwise prevent me from calling your attention to the subject, and urging you to provide for my successor a compensation which will at least cover expenses. I am satisfied that it is not the purpose of the people of Kentucky to require a property qualification for the office, yet the present rate of compensation must attain that end by the indirection of inadequate salary. Unless possessed of private fortune to meet expenses, no man can now afford to be Governor of Kentucky.

The increased rates of living so reduce the value of the present salaries paid to our judicial officers, as to render their compensation wholly insufficient. In times of peace, plenty, and low rates, the salaries paid to the judges, was much below the income of a moderately competent lawyer. Now, competent men cannot afford to be judges. Our present judges may, from a sense of public duty, continue through their terms, but this does not excuse for failing to give them just and reasonable compensation.

The salaries of the Inspector General, and of his clerk, are merely nominal—having been fixed for times of peace. The importance of the office, at this time, to the well-being and security of our people; the onerous duties which devolve upon that officer, which require his whole time and all his energies, with the constant labor of a clerk, demands that suitable provision should be forthwith made for payment of reasonable salaries to the Inspector General and to his clerk. No clerk could be obtained at the present salary, and as a consequence, a clerk has had to be detailed to that office from the office of the Adjutant General.

The salaries of the Treasurer, Auditor and Register are, for the same reasons, inadequate. A salary which was sufficient a year or two past, for reasons obvious to all, will not now, and for years to come, meet the measure of a just reward. The Register's salary is diminished by over \$200 postage, which he is compelled to pay, there being no provision for its payment. This is not right. A just and generous people do not want the services of these indispensable officers without fair compensation. The miser in council is as little respected by a noble people as the prodigal. Neither represent the manly spirit, the public sentiment, and the just judgment of the people.

The subject of internal improvements has been so repeatedly brought before the public judgment, that no additional suggestions are necessary on this occasion. The construction of roads and improvement of rivers have been a means of developing much wealth, and a source of reward to the labor of the country. When judiciously made, the industry of the people is better sustained, and the wealth and prosperity of the country promoted. At present, however, to take care of and protect what we have is all a prudent statesmanship can demand. The report of the President of the Board of Internal Improvement will, in a short time, be submitted for your consideration, to which I beg leave to refer you for information both as regards the present condition of the public works, and the expenditures connected with the same.

There yet remains subjects of grave consideration to which, from a sense of public duty, I am constrained to call your attention—questions which have grown up with the rebellion, and demands some positive action for our own security. In presenting these questions it is not my purpose to invite vindictive and wantonly legislation, but legislation tempered by a discreet and sober judgment, which shall be addressed to our security as a loyal people rather than to the punishment of the disloyal.

The duty of allegiance to our Government is so palpable and simple, that it requires neither depth of intellect nor breadth of intelligence to comprehend it. To observe that duty is an instinct of loyalty. The most ignorant know it; the most vicious feel it. To sympathize with rebellion and treason is a vicious sympathy, entitled to none of those charities which cover less venial crimes. It is the harlotry of the heart with the worst of crimes, and inevitably leads to criminal acts of treason, unless restrained by the touch of loyal judgment and rational duty.

No one has the right to commit treason. No one has the right to encourage or promote treason. The right to be a rebel or rebel sympathizer cannot be admitted; we may tolerate, but cannot admit, the right of such sympathies.

The right to hold, express, and advocate any form of policy for conducting the government, is a political right which cannot and ought not to be bridled, however much abused. Treason is not a policy; it strikes at the life—aims not at the management of the government. The safety of free govern-

ment, which admits the right to advocate and urge, with all of our powers, even the wildest and most deleterious policy, without any restriction save public judgment, demands that none should be permitted to overthrow, or aid, or abet, or in any way encourage or promote the overthrow of the government which secures this perfect political liberty. Whoever, therefore, commits treason, or advocates it, or in any way encourages or promotes it, does what he has no right to do, and that which is at war with the perfect political freedom secured by our government, and should not be tolerated therein. To sympathize with rebellion is wrong, if rebellion is wrong. But as mere sympathy cannot endanger the life of the government, it may be tolerated, though wrong. Yet, when that sympathy assumes the form of aid or encouragement to treason, and tends to promote it either by acts or words, the duty of those who would perpetuate our political freedom, as secured only by our government, is to stay the work of treason by indicting upon its workers such restraints and penalties as will enforce obedience and respect to the government of our fathers.

Every Kentuckian ought to be loyal, not only in act, but word and sympathy. Kentucky has not and will not, under any circumstances, become rebellious against the Government of our fathers. Having no rights outside of the Union, Kentucky will seek none except in the Union. An invincible loyalty confronts those who seek to rebel—Kentucky into rebellion. When rebellion reaches such magnitude as to assume the dignity of a revolutionary war, it is supported or resisted by moral and physical forces. Expressed sympathy or advocacy of rebellion is giving moral force to rebellion. If the rebellion is wrong, sympathy or any other aid given to it is wrong; and those who are to be injuriously affected by it have the moral right to protect themselves against rebellion by suppressing every form of treason. They have the right to banish its shadow, as well as its substance. In active sense they ought to do so. It is no excuse for any one to say he cannot help his sympathy. A wrong and criminal sympathy, as much under the control of the will, as a wrong and criminal action. Both are voluntary, and therefore criminal. Every man who henceforth remains in Kentucky, or shelters here should be loyal to our government, and true to its service, or be held to rigid responsibility for disloyalty. Those who rejoice or exult over rebel invasions and guerrilla raids should be held accountable for all the injuries inflicted by their fellow-accomplices in treason. We may, and perhaps should, ignore the past, if the future of such be loyal, but to be loyal should be made imperative.

I therefore recommend that our penal code be amended so as to provide proper preventive, as well as punitive remedies, for every form of treasonable action, whether it consist in acts or words which tend to promote or encourage rebellion.

I further recommend that the laws be so amended as to give to any loyal man, who suffers in person or property, from invasions or raids, a right of action against any or all persons who, after the passage of such act, may aid, encourage, or promote the rebellion either by acts or words of encouragement, or by approval, or by manifesting an exultant and joyous sympathy upon the success of such raids. It is time that disloyal and criminal sympathies should cease in Kentucky. There remains no excuse for any to indulge in them and remain here.

Such amendments to the civil code will be but the application of the principles of the common law to this rebellion. By the common law, all who counsel, advise, aid, assist, promote, encourage, or adopt a trespass, are held to be equally guilty, and responsible to the injured party. It is right that those whose avowed sympathies encourage and invite invasions and raids should be made to bear the expenses for the entertainment of their friends.

Rebellious persons are fleeing to Kentucky as a city of refuge. This is becoming so common that it is worthy of consideration how far and upon what terms this is to be permitted. "The citizens of each State," by virtue of the Federal Constitution, "shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States." But to enact or promote treason is not one of the "privileges" or "immunities" of citizens of any State. So long as those refugees deport themselves as good and loyal citizens, they should be, so far as our laws are operative, left unmolested. But those who bring with them the infection of treason, and who, by words or acts, endeavor to incite treasonable acts, or promote treasonable sentiments in our communities, should be restrained by proper penalties sufficient to reach and eradicate this evil.

Another important matter affecting the interests of our people, and which grows out of the rebellion, ought to be provided for. The property of our citizens is purchased or seized by officers and soldiers for public use, and either no voucher given, or one which is insufficient to draw the compensation upon. This has sometimes been from the ignorance of the officer employed; sometimes from his wanton neglect; sometimes from unavoidable neglect, in the hurried movements of troops, and often from the corrupt purposes of Quarter-Masters and Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence, who seek thereby to pocket the proceeds of our substance. These are evils incident to a state of war, but ought to be provided for, so as ultimately to secure that which is due to the citizen. In most instances, it is not possible to obtain, at this time, vouchers such as are required by the Army Regulations. It is not right that the citizen should suffer loss for the default, accident, or negligence of those acting under federal authority.

It is recommended, therefore, that you provide, by law, some simple but reliable mode of perpetrating the evidence of such claims for indemnity, so that the State authorities, or the individual, can lay them before Congress for redress. This might properly be extended to perpetrate the evidence not only of losses by federal soldiers, but property destroyed or taken by Confederates—the evidence always distinguishing the manner, extent of loss, and when and by whom or whose authority taken or destroyed. This will secure, at least, the foundation upon which to appeal for ultimate justice. These evidences might be forwarded to the Quarter-Master General of the State, and preserved by him, to be laid before the proper federal authorities.

Custom, by long established precedent, has made it necessary that I should advert to our federal relations, and those subjects of general and national interest which absorb the attention of the day. It would perhaps be better otherwise, but as we cannot ignore, we should not shut all proper responsibility.

Our federal relations are at this time of the most amicable and kindly character. Though differing in opinion as to some of the measures of the administration, yet that difference has not degenerated into hostility to the government. The right to differ is a

free and unquestionable right. Yet we have not, and should not, make that difference an excuse for relaxing our efforts to sustain the government and suppress the rebellion. We think our views right; they who pursue the controlling policy think theirs right. We agree in the object to be promoted, but differ as to the means. The object which we hold in common—the preservation of the Union and perpetuation of our nationality—being immeasurably higher than any means which can or may be employed for its accomplishment, secures our patriotism from being swayed or jostled from its center by any subordinate consideration.

The source of irritation which has been the hobby of the secessionists, and the point most tender to the touch in Union men—the negro—will, I trust and believe, not become a matter of aggression or dispute between us and the Federal Government. I have every reason to feel assured that this subject will be left wholly to the disposition of the people of Kentucky, without any interference by the federal authorities. The loyalty of Kentucky is the guardian angel which walks with her people through the fiery furnace of the rebellion, and preserves their garments from the smell of fire.

We have no cause of complaint against the Federal Government. Our rights as a State, and our prejudices as a people, have been respected by the administration. Our difference is not as to the acts bearing directly upon us as a State, but the policy adopted in reference to the rebellious States and people. We cannot, therefore, as a loyal people, make this difference—as to the policy pursued by the administration towards those whose treason and rebellion have brought upon us all our troubles—an excuse for a factious war upon those through whom alone we can act for its preservation. We think, and most earnestly, that it is better to use none but the white man to fight our battles; but shall we, upon this opinion, refuse to defend our greatest interests, because a negro is called or forced to help us? To do so would be to substitute passion for reason, prejudice for judgment, and vain pride for patriotism. We confess a stronger affection for the white man than for the black, and believe this government was made for the white man; that he ought to maintain and defend it.

And we further believe that the large amounts expended to feed and support "contrabands," would be much more judiciously and charitably expended in supporting the suffering widows and orphans left by our brave and gallant volunteers, who have fallen in camp and field.

But while so feeling and believing, we should not forget, that above all opinions, feelings, and prejudices the duty of preserving the government of our fathers—the price of their blood—rises in sublime and towering majesty, far above the approach of any such considerations. Our duty is to defend our government. The errors of others cannot absolve us from that duty. We should not, for warring opinions, make war upon the government. How much soever we may differ with those conducting the administration, upon measures adopted in reference to rebellious people and States, while passing through the terrible ordeal of rebellion, and how much soever we may deprecate that policy, or believe a different policy would be better calculated to suppress the rebellion, yet this difference should not, as it will not, make us swerve from the path way of duty and fidelity to our government, nor will we shrink from meeting the responsibilities which a true patriotism imposes.

No people were ever so blessed with unlimited freedom, unalloyed happiness, and boundless prosperity as ours. Our nationality, as the sun of Heaven, lighted our pathway throughout the globe. Wherever our stars floated, our stripes waved, and our eagle soared, the majesty of our government was recognized, the rights of its citizens were respected, and the blessings of the oppressor, and the tears of the oppressed, paid the homage of love and fear to the nation of "many nations." Wicked fanaticism and vicious ambition have combined to overthrow that freedom, destroy that happiness, break that prosperity and darken the hopes and prospects of the future to us.

The vicious ambition of the Southern men, and the bigoted fanaticism of men of the North, in giving and accepting a sectional quarrel about a local institution, have forced upon us the most groundless, cruel, wicked, inextinguishable warfare, that ever afflicted any people of the earth. The slave had no more necessary connection with this rebellion than the horse or any other species of property. But ambitious men of the South, who first sought to create a sectional division upon the tariff, in order to build up a government based upon the aristocracy of the slave owner, having been foiled by the incorruptible patriotism and indomitable will of Andrew Jackson, next gave and accepted a sectional quarrel about the slave, with the fanaticism of the North, which deepens in its affections as its object darkens in complexity.

Slavery being local, cannot be the subject of national action. Yet being confined within certain contiguous States and excluded from others, it could be made to subserve the purposes of arousing sectional bitterness, an inmosty, and prejudices, being the only property of local and sectional limits. Thus the vicious ambition of Southern Secessionists co-operating with Northern fanaticism, has forced an issue which involves the life of free government.

The blinded ambition and oldrury of the Southern Secessionists persistently thrust forward the slave as the object of strife, although the administration, and the ruling powers, for more than one year, wavered in aid and refused to accept the issue. At length the issue was accepted as to the rebellious States and parts of States, and the madmen of the South now realize the fearful madness and folly that controlled them. On the other hand, the Northern accomplices in this work of destruction, appropriate this ill-advised issue as the work of their patriotism. They gloat over the miseries and sufferings of the South as if they were avenging angels. They thank God that they are not as their Southern brethren, and swell with the magnitude of their charities, as they devote the property of others to sacrifice.

The issue thus forced, and for which these two extremists and cowards of evil are responsible, has nevertheless struck a serious, if not a fatal blow, at the institution in the rebellious States. It may languish for years in painful and uncertain being in those rebellious States, or may, if the war is not soon brought to a termination, perish in the convulsions of the rebellion.

It is not the fault of the loyal Kentuckians, that those evils have befallen, and those dangers exist, an institution in which our own interests participate. Holding, as we do, that the people alone are sovereign, and that the Federal Government represents the united sovereignty of the people for national purposes, and that the State Governments represent their sovereignty within the limits of the State and for local

purposes, we feel the more keenly the wrong inflicted upon us by those denying the foundation theory of our government, and who make war upon its perpetuity—the one asserting the supremacy of State rights; the other ignoring—the rights of the people within State limits. By the fiat of the sovereign people, the National Government exists; by the same fiat State Governments exist; and each is limited to its own sphere of action. Southern ambition strikes at the national sovereignty of the people, and Northern fanaticism at the sovereignty which, by national fiat, is reserved to them within the States. Each would form a new and different government. The truly loyal man is struggling to maintain a government—not to make one. The government we have is better than any which has ever preceded it, and superior to any suggested by revolutionists. The secessionists, who would destroy the government by force, and the fanatic who would destroy by innovation, are alike the enemies of our government. The soldier who bares his bosom to this storm of war, does so under the conviction that he fights to maintain the government which blessed his fathers and sheltered his youth. The rebel fights to break up the government. The purpose of the fanatic is the same as the rebel—to make a new, a different government than the one for which our fathers toiled and bled, and to maintain which our own brave sons now offer up their lives in a willing and glorious sacrifice. Each is the common enemy of those who adhere to the Constitutional Union, formed by the wise men of the revolution.

Kentucky, with steadfast faith and invincible loyalty, has constantly adhered to the true line of duty, bringing all her mental, moral, and physical forces to bear against the rebellion; and with calm judgment, and unwavering patriotism, with unflinching fidelity opposing the innovations of fanaticism which undermines our constitutional security and unity.

The Union is indispensable to us, and we are indispensable to the Union. We cannot, therefore, separate, but must preserve our unity which gives us our nationality. Neither the preservation, nor the destruction of slavery is essential to our State or National existence. The State and the Nation can exist with or without slavery. The Government was not formed for the purpose of preserving or destroying it, but to perpetuate to latest time the blessings of free government to the Anglo-American. It is not, therefore, opposition to slavery which constitutes the danger to free government, nor the advocacy of it. But the danger lies in the effort of those who would make the life of the government subordinate to the status of the negro. It is as revolutionary and disloyal to subordinate the government to the question of his freedom, as to the question of his enslavement. True loyalty subordinates all these questions to the preservation of the Government. Our security to-day is because the people of Kentucky, despite leaders and politicians, have all the while been right. They have never lost sight of the paramount object of maintaining our government, and preserving our nationality. Time servers, and those who court present applause, have never yet kept pace with the loyalty of Kentucky. Fortunately for the good of our people, and the cause of liberty, all such have fallen so far behind, that they are estimated as stragglers and deserters from the true patriotism. It is a proud satisfaction to the truly loyal, to know that we have steadily, and with living faith, and indestructible loyalty, pursued the lead of patriotism, defending our faith with fearless argument, and our loyalty with dauntless deeds, while assailed by persecuting foes, and distracted and abused by those who should be our friends.

I cannot close this communication without calling your attention to a subject which has drawn largely upon my sympathies and sense of gratitude and duty. Many of our noble sons have fallen in our conflict with rebellion. Many have left widows and orphans in a destitute condition. Winter is upon us, and they must suffer unless timely provision be made for them. The poor men of our country have made the first and greatest sacrifices in defense of our birthright of free government. Those districts least blessed with worldly goods, have opened up the richest mines of devoted patriotism. The poor man has given his all—his life—for our security. Shall his widow and orphan children suffer? Our gratitude and duty alike forbid it. Can you, not, in your wisdom, devise the plan by which a bounty of fifty or more dollars can be paid to the destitute and needy widows and orphans of our deceased soldiers? It has occurred to me, and I suggest it for your consideration, that a capitation tax of ten cents to twenty cents levied upon each male, over eighteen years of age, in the State—exempting the soldier in the field and the disabled soldier at home—would constitute an ample fund for the relief of the destitute and needy widows and orphans of our gallant dead, and meet our debt of gratitude and duty. This fund should be entitled "bounty fund of the soldier's widow and orphan." To meet the present demand for relief, you could appropriate, out of your abundant treasury, to be reimbursed from the fund so raised in the revenues of the coming year. The small sum levied upon each poll, can oppress no one, and will create a fund for the bestowment of great benefits, and for the partial payment of our immense debt of gratitude. Leaving the manner of raising a fund for this purpose entirely to your wise and patriotic consideration and judgment, I most earnestly recommend that some efficient mode of prompt relief be adopted.

Be assured, gentlemen, that whatsoever you may adopt to promote the peace, secure the harmony, increase the security, advance the prosperity, protect the rights, guard the liberties, strengthen our defenses, or fortify our constitutional guarantees of liberty, will meet with my hearty approval and co-operation.

Having been blessed by a kind Providence, beyond the measure of other peoples, we should, in this our day of affliction and chastisement, remember that the hand that smites is but to bless, and that our humiliation is only the beginning of our exaltation to a higher and nobler career in the grand march of nations.

In the darkest hour of our struggle no shadow of doubt has ever obscured my faith, that He who notes the fall of the sparrow, and numbers the hairs of our heads, will guide us safely through our tribulations, and not permit us to perish as a nation. Our mission is not ended, our race not yet completed. We have centuries of greatness and ages of grand progression as a government lying before us. Our unity, nationality, and liberty, being the constituted inheritance of our people, will be contemporaneous with coming years, to bless the race of man.

To Him who holds, at His will, the destinies of our government and people—to build or destroy—I commend you; and to your wise and patriotic counsels commit the interest of our Commonwealth.

THO. E. BRAMLETTE.

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The message will be read with interest by men of all parties. It is worthy the careful and deliberate perusal of every intelligent patriot.

There are many subjects of interest embraced in it, which we will, from time to time, notice.

MONDAY, Dec. 7, 1863

She was too wise not to know that a blow struck at the national government must necessarily be a blow, however purely the government might carry on the war, which ultimately must injure the institution of slavery more or less. She so warned the conspirators, and declared that secessionism was practical abolitionism. Though interested in a large extent in that species of property, she legitimated action against the rebellion, although it might result incidentally in the destruction of slavery, she did not forget that all legitimate action complained of since the commencement of the rebellion could not have been taken if the floodgates had not been opened by the total overthrow of the Constitution itself, and of the attempt to violently disrupt the government of our fathers, made up by that most infamous of traitors Jefferson Davis and his co-rebellions. Sworn to support the Constitution, he was secretly, whilst an officer in the War Department, and afterwards whilst a Senator of the United States, using every energy, in violation of his oath to inaugurate civil war, and destroy the Constitution. Educated at the expense of the United States, he attempts to use that education for its destruction. Second only to

Justice beareth to us, let us interweave
 the olive branch, and all the mighty powers
 of the government, the bow of promise with
 the terrible thunderbolt; let us implore our
 erring brethren to come back to the ties of
 American brotherhood and the Union, the
 ark of a American liberty, the last and only
 refuge of freedom; and if this cry is not
 hearkened to, let us gather up all the re-
 sources of a mighty people and crush the
 last embers of the rebellion, and teach traitors
 that the American Union must and shall
 be preserved.

No man with the first instincts of a states-
 man would ever attempt to tear Kentucky
 from her safe moorings in the midst of a
 sisterhood of States, to place her as a fron-
 tier, subject, in all future time, to the ravages
 and horrors of desolating wars. In the
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tion of the Senate, and its readiness to
receive any communication

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